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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2625  
Docket No.: 1075.1155**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Nobuaki USUI et al.

Serial No. 09/818,498

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No. 1215

Filed: March 28, 2001

Examiner: Tommy D. Lee

For: **HALFTONING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH HALFTONING PROGRAM IS RECORDED**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on December 27, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.